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Extraction of Gamow-Teller Strength Using ($d,^2\text{He}$) Reaction in Inverse Kinematics

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Electron-capture (EC) rates play a key role in core-collapse and thermonuclear supernovae, the crust of accreting neutron stars in binary systems, and the final core evolution of intermediate mass stars. Charge-exchange reactions (CERs) at intermediate energies (~ 100 MeV) are crucial in extracting information for neutron-rich nuclei as the EC Q -values are positive for such nuclei. The differential cross-sections in CERs at zero momentum transfer are proportional to the Gamow-Teller strength, $B(\text{GT})$, from which the EC rates can be calculated. In a first of a kind experiment, the S800 spectrometer at National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory (NSCL) along with Active-Target Time Projection Chamber (AT-TPC) setup was used to run an experiment with ($d,^2\text{He}$) probe in inverse kinematics to study unstable nuclei. Data from the experiment for the $^{13}\text{N}(d,^2\text{He})^{13}\text{C}$ reaction has been analyzed to extract the differential cross-section for ground and excited states to measure the $B(\text{GT})$.

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